## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## U.S. Chamber and TVBA to Host Hiring Our Heroes Job Fair for Veterans and Military Spouses in Knoxville

Event to Include More than 40 Employers with Jobs Available

**KNOXVILLE, TN**—The U.S. Chamber of Commerce's National Chamber Foundation and the Tennessee Veterans' Business Association will host "<u>Hiring Our Heroes – Knoxville</u>," a hiring fair for veterans and military spouses. More than 40 employers are expected to participate with jobs available for veterans and military spouses of all ranks and levels of experience. Companies range from America's biggest employers to dozens of small companies from the region. The hiring fair is a part of the TVBA's 3rd Annual Business and Education Showcase, two days of speakers, panels, and breakout sessions on employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for veterans and military spouses.

Since its launch in March 2011, Hiring Our Heroes has held more than 390 hiring fairs nationwide, helping over 14,000 veterans and military spouses find employment. This event is also part of <u>Hiring 500,000 Heroes</u>, a national campaign announced by the U.S. Chamber, National Chamber Foundation, and Capital One, to engage the business community in committing to hire 500,000 veterans and military spouses by the end of 2014.

**AVAILABLE TO** Lt. Col. Kathryn Poynton, Deputy Director of Events & Strategic

**PRESS:** Outreach, Hiring Our Heroes, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; and Army

National Guard member

**WHAT:** Hiring Our Heroes – Knoxville

WHEN: Tuesday, January 29, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. EST

**WHERE:** Knoxville Convention Center

701 Henley Street Knoxville, TN 37902

**RSVP:** Interested job seekers should register for at www.jointvba.org or call 865-

675-9384.

Credentialed members of the media are invited to attend. To register, e-mail

Kim Morton at kmorton@uschamber.com or call 202-463-5725.

This hiring event is being held in partnership with the Tennessee Veterans' Business Association, the U.S. Department of Labor Veterans' Employment & Training Service (DOL VETS), the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, The American Legion, and other local partners.

The National Chamber Foundation, a non-profit affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, is dedicated to identifying and fostering public debate on emerging critical issues. They provide business and government leaders with insight and resources to address tomorrow's challenges.

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